

## **BOARD OF HEALTH Minutes**

June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008

Present: Sulsky, Ahlfeld, Weiner, Pile, Gilbert.

Staff: Bodhi, Bokina

Other: Ralph Hill, Miriam Dayton, James J. Brennan, Susan J. Tracey, Irene Fradet, Robin Oakes, Brenda Mangels.

Meeting opened at 7:07pm

### **I. Review and Receive**

A) Meeting of minutes from May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008- Accepted as written.

### **II. New Business**

A) Cell Tower to be built in old land fill site

Ms Dayton, representing concerns of the neighborhood explained the health concerns of people living near the site. There has been very little investigation in US on cell towers, but in Wales people have reported significant health problems.

Ms. Dayton reported that the final decision is to be made on July 10th. Ms Bodhi will find out what Committee or Board is working on this issue and let them know there may be health issues. Also, Ms. Bodhi will ask how many meters from homes the proposed tower will be.

B) Beaver Removal – James Brennan/ Meadows Homeowners Association. Mr. Brennan presented a map of the area that is flooded between Hop Brook and Kestrel Lane. The fear is that it is threatening to flood basements as well as damaging the road.

Mr Ahlfeld asked for an update on the progress made controlling beavers in the area that was discussed at the BOH meeting September 2007. Ms Tracey informed the Board that the screen constructed to block beaver access to the culvert has been maintained but the beavers are climbing over to travel. Ms Pile asked if the neighbors will be applying to the Conservation Commission to breach the dam and was told yes, but the beavers need to be removed first.

Ms Gilbert raised a concern that beavers were trapped in this general area in September 2007 and now the BOH is being asked to grant a permit for trapping nearby. She is concerned that unless a comprehensive plan is made, the homeowners association will be coming back in the near future for another permit. Mr. Brennan cited a letter received from Mr. Callahan that states this area will require constant trapping. The homeowners were asked to discuss a long term management plan with the wildlife and conservation commission. The BOH

discussed the status of the draft comprehensive beaver management plan that the conservation commission and BOH developed last year.

Mr. Ahlfeld made a motion to approve the permit on the grounds that beaver activity is threatening to flood a road as well as basements and cause substantial property damage. Dr. Weiner seconded. Ms Pile would like to specify that only live traps be used. Ms. Bodhi can give a second 10 days for trapping. The motion passed unanimously.

C) Variance request from Sibies Pizza to use time rather than temperature as a public health control for events on the common.

Sibies Pizza requested a variance from the State Sanitary Code to monitor time rather than temperature in handling their pizza in events on the Town Common. The Board unanimously approved their request.

D) Farmers Market.

All farmers market vendors that sell processed food must have a BOH permit. One vendor has refused to pay the permit fee. Ms Bokina met with the Town Manager and John Spinetti, head of the farmers market. They will support the requirement for all such vendors to pay the permit fee.

## II. Old Business

A) rDNA Regs

Ms. Bodhi reported that Town Meeting voted to rescind the 1977 rDNA bylaw. She has amended the regulations and is working on the registration form, a letter to the colleges and a list of available experts

B) 28 Shays St.

Mr. Keenan asked if unused oil tank could be used as cistern. Ms. Bokina told him no and that it must be crushed. Attorney Winner has not, as of yet, filed a court motion in Housing Court.

C) Replacement for Dr. Weiner

Ms. Bodhi spoke to Vinny Biggs, MD, who has declined. Dennis Rosen, MD is thinking about it. Drs. David Berkman, Frank Myers, David Kaufman, Denise Spence, Ted Linsey, Peter Blier will be asked to serve on the BOH.

D) BOH Priorities

The Board listed projects that need attention:

- Well Regulations
- OWB-Outside Wood Boilers
- Tobacco regs
- Restaurant inspections-creating risk based schedule
- Massage regs

- Antichoking regs
- Beaver policy

III. Schedule Next BOH Meeting/Agenda Closing Date

A) Next meeting. July 24th 2008.  
August 14<sup>th</sup> 2008

Meeting Adjourned: 9:10

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Epi Bodhi, Health Director  
Approved: July 24, 2008